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Via Express Mail No.: EL152178205US

Box New Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Divisional Application of Recovery System for Mooring Mobile Offshore Drilling Units  
Our File No.: 901033-1001



Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the following items relating to the above-identified application:

- (1) Request for filing a Patent Application Under CFR 1.53(b);
- (2) Original Patent application;
- (3) Formal drawings;
- (4) Original Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (5) New Power of Attorney;
- (6) Preliminary Amendment;
- (7) Check in the amount of \$760.00 to cover filing fees; and
- (8) Post Card.

Please file the application and return the date-stamped postcard to our office at the address listed above. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please call the undersigned at your earliest convenience. Otherwise, please accept the enclosed.

Sincerely,

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cc: Daniel F. Perez (w/o encl.)

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

In Re Application of: Thomas M. Fulton

Prior Application Examiner: Tara L. Mayo

Art Unit No.: 3672

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application number 08/948,227 filed on October 9, 1997 entitled "Recoverable System for Mooring Mobile Offshore Drilling Units."

1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FEE CALCULATION				
	NUMBER	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
Total Claims	12	0	x \$18.00 =	\$ -0-
Independent Claims	2	0	x \$78.00 =	\$ -0-
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)			x \$260.00 =	\$ -0-
BASIC FEE				\$ 760.00
Total of Above Calculations:				\$ -0-
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28):				\$
TOTAL FEES				\$ 760.00

2. Enclosed is our firm check in the amount of \$760.00 to cover the cost of filing this application.

3. Cancel in this application original claims 1-29 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

4. This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the following inventors named in the prior application: Thomas M. Fulton and Peter George Scott Dove.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a divisional application of pending application number 08/948,227 filed on October 9, 1997."

6. New formal drawings are enclosed.

7. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

8. The prior application is assigned of record to Aker Marine, Inc. recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on October 9, 1997, at Reel 9199, Frame 0657.

9. A new power of attorney is enclosed.

10. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any underpayments to Deposit Account No.07-0153.

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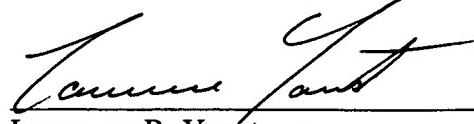
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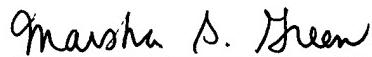
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